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place of the tiger and other big game, which have been transformed into fine rubber plantations, and now Malacca, which has for years been largely neglected, is in a flourishing condition. A short time ago there was no banking institution in the town of Malacca; to-day three banks are doing a good business, and the place is rapidly becoming an important center.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

JESSE T. BONNEY, of Norfolk, Va., leaves an estate of about \$400,000, subject to the dower rights of his wife, to educational institutions for girls which he established. The widow's dower, which is one third of the whole estate for life, goes to the institutions after her death.

IN May the Denver and Gross College of Medicine signed a contract by which it unites with the School of Medicine of the University of Colorado. The Denver and Gross College has discontinued the teaching of the first two years of the medical curriculum and on or before the first of January, 1911, will discontinue the teaching of the remaining years as well. A constitutional amendment permitting the university to conduct the last two years of the medical course in Denver will be submitted to the people of the state.

THE following appointments have been made in the University of North Carolina for the coming session: Dr. Robert A. Hall, formerly assistant professor in Clemson College, associate professor of organic chemistry; Dr. James M. Bell, U. S. Bureau of Soils, associate professor of physical chemistry; Hampden Hill, instructor in analytical chemistry; Parker H. Daggett, of Harvard University, professor of electrical engineering; V. L. Chrisler, M.S. (Nebraska), assistant in physics in the University of Nebraska, instructor in physics; Guy R. Clements, instructor in Williams College, professor of mathematics; T. R. Eagles, professor of mathematics in Bethany College, West Virginia, instructor in mathematics. M. H. Stacy, formerly asso-

ciate professor of civil engineering, has been promoted to professor of civil engineering and T. F. Hickerson has been advanced to associate professor of civil engineering.

LAWRENCE W. COLE, A.B. (Oklahoma), Ph.D. (Harvard), recently professor at the University of Oklahoma and instructor at Wellesley College and in the Harvard Summer School, has been appointed professor of psychology in the University of Colorado, to succeed Vivian A. C. Henmon, A.B. (Bethany), Ph.D. (Columbia), who has been called to the University of Wisconsin.

THE Vienna correspondent of the *Journal* of the American Medical Association writes that there are at present vacant three important chairs for medical instruction, those of the deceased Schnabel and Zuckerkandl (ophthalmology and anatomy, respectively), and of von Strümpell (medicine), whose sudden resignation caused so much comment in all circles. The successors have been nominated already by the recommendations of the medical faculty of the university; and Professor Demmer, of Graz, will take over the eye clinic in October; it will be remembered that this place was refused by Hess on account of the insufficient endowment and little space in the old clinic whence so much original investigation had come. The chair of anatomy has been offered to Tandler, of Vienna, who will probably be appointed. The successor of Strümpell will be either Chvostek or Ortner, both Austrians and both in very good standing in medical circles.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

THE TEACHING OF ELEMENTARY PHYSICS

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: Physics teachers will, no doubt, read with considerable interest the discussions on the teaching of elementary physics which have been going on in SCIENCE. While I was not present at the Boston meeting nor on Professor Hall's mailing list, I should like to venture to comment upon his paper.

It seems to me that propositions 1, 2, 3 and 4 might very well be accepted, as well as first